

short period of time that a legislator's attention span operates, and there is complete silence. But now that he hasn't hit it and the sounds no longer echo, and people are walking around, people are talking, the Legislature is back to its old self, doing nothing, and when I bring up issues on a bill that I detest and am willing to use every tactic under the rules to stop that bill, people get irritated. They say time is being wasted. What has been done this afternoon? What has been achieved? This is my kind of legislative situation because it shows that not one person is responsible as the Legislature likes to make it appear when most of them are on one side and I am on the other. This is not of my doing. I am joining in with what the rest of you are doing. I don't care whether you agree to meet tomorrow. I don't care whether you agree to meet Saturday and Sunday. If you meet on a day and I have something set up and I can't be here, I am not going to be here, and you can holler, you can snort, you can fume all you want to, I am not going to be here, and that is the way it is with the rest of you. You are not going to be here when the day comes that you have got to be absent. Senator Coordsen made a good point... Senator Dierks, it was who made that point, I think, I want to be sure, about being a freshman he doesn't want to be holier than thou but we were paid to do a job and he is right, and we each are in a position to do that job as we individually see fit to do it. There is no requirement in the Constitution as far as us being here any certain number of days as individuals. Our rules provide a mechanism to force people to be here, but you all were very reluctant, when I brought that up, to even think about such a terrible thing, but it may not seem like such a bad idea any more. I understand human nature, I understand the Legislature's nature, and that which is laughed at today, next week is going to be taken very seriously. That is why I can always assume a holier than thou position. I always take the long range view and I don't forget what happened last session, the session after that, and what will happen this session, next session, and so forth. But as for quitting and taking a break toward the end, those of you who have ever been on a track team, especially those who run distances, you save some for the end. You always have something in your tank so that as you see the finish line coming within view, you do what they call "kicking". That means that you run faster then than you have before, and all of those who have not paced themselves, who thought the race would be given to the quick or to the strong, and forgot about the need to endure to the end,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.